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BC Land Surveyors' 100th Anniversary Celebration



What can be more educational than attending the historic 100th annual general meeting of a professional organization?

In January 2005, the Corporation of Land Surveyors of the Province of BC celebrated its 100th Anniversary at the Victoria Conference Centre and the Empress Hotel. The Honourable George Abbott, Minister of Sustainable Resource Management, unveiled our new logo and announced our change of name. The Association of British Columbia Land Surveyors came into being Friday, January 21, 2005. Although we began the event as the Corporation, we ended as the Association, the term I will use throughout this article.

Tuesday's sessions dealt with "Cadastral Survey Practises from 1851 to 2004" and "Becoming an Effective Leader." That evening, the membership was invited to Government House for a reception hosted by the Honourable Iona Campagnola, Lieutenant Governor of BC. Her Honour delivered a warm, well-researched speech on the history of surveying in BC and the vital role our Association has played in the development of this great province. Her words are posted on the Lieutenant Governor's Website: http://www.ltgov.bc.ca/whatsnew/sp/sp_jan19_1_2005.htm.

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The annual general meeting began Wednesday and ran for three days, providing the membership the opportunity to comment on the direction the profession is heading, the many changes being brought about as a result

of the modernizing of the *Land Surveyors Act*, and changes being implemented by government. Various organizations, such as the educational institutions that produce land surveying students and others that affect the way our business is conducted, made presentations to our members. The elections saw all incumbent Board members returned to the Board, with the final vacancy filled by John Armstrong, BCLS, Cranbrook. Jeff Beddoes, BCLS, Victoria, is our new President for 2005;



Notary Foundation Chair Leta Best presents 1901 transit to President Dave Bazett.

Richard Redfern, BCLS, Fort St John, is Vice President.

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- The Applied Science Technologists and Technicians of BC presented a box-framed collage with certificate and personalized licence plate: "BCLS 1."

- Leta Best, Immediate Past President of The Society of Notaries Public of BC and Notary Foundation Chair, presented a 1901 transit in recognition of the close harmony and friendship of our work together.
- Murray LeGris, Executive Director of the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors, presented "Champlain's Astrolab," a print of original art painted by one of their members.
- Al Nelson, President of the Alberta Land Surveyors Association, presented a beautiful full-colour plate of the Rockies to congratulate us and show their pride in our mutual association.
- Hilary Guimond, Past President of the New Brunswick Land Surveyors Association, presented a pottery vase on a stand with congratulatory plaque.
- Max Batten, from the Association of Newfoundland and Labrador Land Surveyors, presented a piece of Native art depicting the sunrise—the first sunrise in Canada each day.

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Certificates of Appreciation were presented to individuals for their outstanding contribution to the profession:

- Ken Jacques, for his years of support to the profession as Registrar and Director of Land Titles and his work as a Trustee of the BC Land Surveyors Foundation;
- Godfrey Archbold, for his support of the land surveying profession as Executive Director of the Registries Department and his support in obtaining approval for the amendments to the *Land Surveyors Act*; and
- Michelle Bazett, for her support of her husband Dave in his role as President and her support for his five years on the Board of Management.

Dave Morton, BCLS Retired, received the G. K. Burnett Award for his

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Leta Best presenting the 1901 Transit on behalf of The Society of Notaries Public, with Dave Bazett (l) and Wayne Braid.

outstanding work in the production of the *Link* magazine, for the support he provides to the office in maintaining the computer systems, and for all the “little” things Dave does to help the staff.

The plaque on the G. S. Andrews Award commemorates “a lifetime of professional, ethical, and social duty to his Profession, his Society, and his Country.” It was presented to:

- Brent Taylor, BCLS, for his outstanding service as a Board member; for his extended volunteer activities on the Government Task Force, the Electronic Checklist Registry Committee, and the educational evaluations of the programs at BCIT and University of Calgary; and
- Bert Hol, BCLS, for his outstanding service as a Board member and for his time-consuming volunteer activities on the Government Task Force, the Electronic Checklist Registry Committee, the Business Practices Committee, and other committees he has served over the past many years.

The Board of Management presents the Meritorious Service Award to a member who has provided especially outstanding service through a lifelong commitment

of valuable volunteer service to the Corporation and a significant contribution to the field of land surveying or Geomatics. The recipient—“For his infectious and spirited work ethic, his lifetime of goodwill in his former career with the public service, the enormous amount of volunteer time he provides the Corporation, and his involvement in just about every part of the Association’s business”—was Chuck Salmon, BCLS. I was in shock as the presentation was made and am deeply moved at receiving this award. I sincerely appreciate the recognition.

The new Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to A. H. (Bert) Ralfs, Ronald W. Thorpe, Douglas J. Roy, Gerald S. Andrews, David H. Burnett, Gerald T. Mullin, Fred E. Tunbridge, William A. Tunbridge, Kenneth M. Bridge, Arthur C. Bridge, Alex Cheveldave, and Patrick J. Brennan—all non-practising or retired members who have contributed a lifelong commitment of providing valuable service to the public and the profession and who are no longer contributing to professional land surveying for the public.

For his exceptionally outstanding service to the land surveying profession, John Loudon Motherwell, BCLS, received Life Membership, the highest award a member can achieve.

Our President David C. Bazett presented a commission to each new land surveyor sworn in as a BCLS in 2004. Dave also provided words of wisdom for their practice of land surveying before the public. Spouses (brackets) were recognized with the traditional BCLS charm for the ladies and a BCLS pin for the gentleman.

- Garrett Marlowe Luke Winkel (Yvonne), BCLS #796: practises in Cranbrook, BC. Articled to Keith Eckman, BCLS, Cranbrook.
- David Nathan Batten (Cheryl), BCLS #797: practises in Fort St John, BC. Articled to Walter Johnson, BCLS, Fort St John.
- Shauna Cecile Goertzen (Howard), BCLS #798: practises in Fort St John, BC. Also articled to Walter Johnson, BCLS.
- Christopher John de Haan (Angela), BCLS #799: practises in Burnaby, BC. He does a significant amount of work in the North on land claim surveys. Christopher was a CLS and as such, did not article.
- Kenneth William Schuurman (Irma), BCLS #800: practises in Surrey, BC. Articled to John Onderwater, BCLS, Surrey.

Dr. Joseph Gosnell spoke about early surveys in the Nass Valley and the road to Treaty settlement.



Dave Bazett and Wayne Braid

